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Microsoft has CONTINUALLY engaged in monopolistic business practices, and they have become more obvious in the last few years. I think this settlement is a joke! The terminology is not specific enough and only covers a narrow window of products or items. Without more specific terms, do you really want us to believe that ANYTHING with Microsoft is going to change? They have already started implementing .NET, which will essentially give them more control over the Internet. They are already placing restrictions in their EULAs that make it so you cannot run their software legally on anything other than Windows machines, and you cannot run their software with open-source or free software. Where does this leave the competition? Where does this leave the consumer, of all people? As a professional in the industry, I can tell you that Microsoft has the biggest security holes and the worst prices. Why give them even more room to exploit that? Let's shut them down now, while we still can. Even the playing field so that new technologies cannot be crushed by mere purchasing power. Make the computer industry a fair place to do business.

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